

West-Rid. 7th. Ad General' Quarterial Session' pacis Domini Regis & Dominae Regiae ten' apud Skipton per Adjourn' in & pro
Com. Ebor. le West-Rid. Com. prad. decimo Quarto die Angusti Ann' Regni Domini & Domine Willielmi & Mariz Dei grā
Angl' Scot' Frane & Hiber' Regis & Reginae Fidei Defensor' &c. Sexto Ac per adjourn' apud Leeds decimo Sexto
die Angusti prad' ac per Adjourn' apud Rothesam Vicefimo primo die Angusti prad. Coram Honstabil Henrico
Fairfax Armiger' Johanne Kay, Lyon Piskinton, Georgio Cook, Baronet' : Willielmo Lowther, Mich' Wentworth, Miles: Jaspeto Blythman, Cyril Arthington, Richardo Shuttleworth; Christophero Adams, Thoma Kirke, Thoma Faukes, Godfrido Bosvile, Henrice Currer, Roberto Ferrand, Thoma Lister, Johanne Townley, Gervasio Nettle, Johanne Warner, Richardo Nettleton, Johanne Stanhope, Johanne Bradshaw, Nono Parker, Armiger' & alii Sociis suis Justic' decor' Domini Regis & Dominae Regiae ad Pitt'
in & pro li West-Rid. Com' prad. conservand' Assignat; &c.

WHERE AS the holy keeping of the Lord's-Day is a principal part of the true Service of God, which in many Places of this Ryding hath been, and yet is, profaned and neglected; and whereas the too common practices of Curseing and Swearing, of Drinking to Excess, and of other Detranchery, have of late increased, through neglect of putting in Execution the Lawes made against the same: All which we the Justices of the Peace for this Ryding, in the said Quarter Sessions assembled, having seriously considered; and also her Majesties pious and earnest Desire for redressing the same, signified to us by the Judges of the last Assize, and being sensible that the severe Judgment of G O D have frequently fallen upon Nation and Places persisting in such Impieties: Do, to discharge and acquit our selves of that great Duty, to which we stand solemnly obliged by our Oath, unanimously resolve and declare that we will put all the Lawes in execution, against all Profanation of the Lord's-day commonly called Sunday, by People (a) Travelling, (b) Selling or exposing any thing to Sale, or by (c) Tipling thereon, or any part thereof, and neglecting the Worship and Service of God: And also against all Profane Curseing and (d) Swearing, and the Incontinence of (e) Drunkenness, whensover Practised or Committed, and against all kinds of (f) Detranchery and evil Fame, or where any kind (g) of unlawful Games is used or practised and against all (h) Persons using or frequenting the same. It is therefore ordered by this Court, that all High Constables, Petty Constables, Church-Wardens and other Officers, whom this may concern, doe their parts diligently and carefully for putting the said Lawes respectively in execution against Offenders thereof; and that as well on any other day, as on the Lord's-day they be careful to search for all Persons that shall continue (i) Tipling in Taverns, Ale-houses, and such like places; and that they cause both them and the Malters of the said Houses, and all other Offenders against any of the said Lawes to be convicted, and to undergo the Penalties by the said Lawes appointed and ordained for such Offences; and that they give an Account of their proceeding herein, at each petty Sessions; and General Quarter Sessions for this Ryding. And it is hereby also Ordered and declared, that if any of the said Officers shall be vexed or molested, in and for their just and lawful Execution of their respective Dutys herein, they shall be maintained and vindicated by the Justices of the Peace, and the Officers prosecuted and punished according to Law. But in case any of the said Officers shall refuse or neglect to do their respective Dutys; that then the penalties appointed by the several Lawes and Statutes shall be severely inflicted upon them. And forasmuch as it is the common duty of all good Subjects to endeavour, by timely and impartial information, that the Lawes be effectually executed against the aforesaid, and all other Sins and Vices: And also that all such Officers of Justice as shall be guilty of any of the said Offences, or shall refuse or neglect to do their Duty, in making search for, or bringing to due punishment such Offenders such; may themselves be duly punished for example to others; it is therefore by this Court recommended to all, who have any sense, either of the Honour of God, or of the good of their Country, that they would in their Several Stations, give due informations against the Offenders before mentioned: And also against all Persons, who shall by evil practices deter, affright or threaten, or otherwise discourage or hinder them in their prosecuting the same; in which we will give them such encouragement, as the Law directs.

And whereas divers good and necessary Lawes have been made and are now in force for the better preservation of the Game of this Kingdome, notwithstanding which Lawes, or for want of the due execution thereof, the Game hath been very much destroyed by many disorderly and mean Persons, who shew by do neglect their Lawful employments, and betake themselves to Robbery, Sabbath-breaking and other like offences: For Remedy whereof, We the Justices of the Peace do also resolve and declare, that we will put all the Lawes in execution against the destroyers of the Game of this Kingdome: And doe therefore hereby further order and command all High Constables, Petty Constables, and other Officers, whom this may concern, to do their parts diligently and carefully for putting the same Lawes in Execution, and particularly that they give an account at each petty Sessions and General Quarter Sessions for this Ryding of all unqualified Persons within their several Divisions and Constableries, who shall have, keep or use, any Bowes, Guns, Grey-hounds, Setting-Dogs, Ferrets, Coney-Dogs, Hayes, Lurchers, Nettis, Tunnels, Harepipes, or any other Instruments whatsoever, for the taking or destroying of Game to the end that such Persons may be Prosecuted according to Law, and may forfeit and be subject to such pains and Penalties as by the Lawes are directed to be inflicted upon such Offenders; And that if upon their Monthly Searches they do find any Bowes, Guns, Grey-Hounds, Setting-Dogs, Ferrets, Coney-dogs, Hayes, Lurchers, Nettis, Tunnels, Hare-pipes, or any other Instruments whatsoever, for the taking or destroying of Game, in the possession, of any unqualified Person: They are hereby Ordered and Commanded to Seize the same and convey them, and the Persons in whose Possession they are found before the next Justice of the Peace, to be dealt withal according to Law.

And it is also ordered by this Court, that the Clerk of the Peace for this Ryding, do forthwith cause this order to be Printed and to be distributed to the several High Constables within this Ryding; who are Ordered by this Court forthwith to send the same to the several Petty Constables, Church-Wardens and Head-Boroughs, within their several Divisions; who are also Ordered by this Court to deliver the same to the Ministers of their respective Parish Churches and Chappels to whom this Court doth recommend it, to be read by them, in their respective Parish Churches or Chappels immediately after Divine Service; and after such reading thereof, the said Petty Constables and Church-Wardens are hereby Ordered to affix the same upon the several Church-doors, and other publick Places, within their several Parishes, to the end publick Noticay may be taken thereof.

Per Cur:

SHELTON, Cler. Pacis. Ibm.